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### The Watchman for 1884.

The coming year will be crowded with stirring political events. In the field of national politics the presidential canvass will be the all-absorbing subject of people's thoughts. The signs betoken one of the most determined political contests in the history of the country. Parties are nearly evenly balanced. The democracy will renew their repeated struggles to wrest from their opponents the power they have wielded for nearly a quarter of a century. The republican party will strenuously maintain the lease of the power it has used with such signal benefit to the whole country and to mankind. The relation of Vermont to this impending crisis in the history of the republican party and the affairs of the country will be of a close and responsible character. In any event, her soil will be the early battle-ground of the great contest. Among all the eminent names on the party rolls there is none so fit for the office of president as her distinguished senator, and none to which is so universally conceded the post of leadership. The national contest has in fact opened with the assembling of congress.

To the event of paramount interest and importance, the presidential election, is added the fact that Vermont herself will in the election of next year choose successors to all her state officers, from representatives of towns and counties in the legislature to governor, and representatives in the house and senate of the congress of the United States. The crowning affair of local importance in this period will be the biennial legislative session. Matters relating to the protection and advancement of tax reform, to the highways, to education, and to the general affairs of the state, will come up for consideration, upon which it is the duty, if not the pleasure, of every citizen to read and be informed. Here is a period, extending from the present to January 1, 1885, which will be thickly crowded with events of the highest interest and of vital importance to the state and the nation. No thinking citizen will wish to be without a good state newspaper during this period. THE VERMONT WATCHMAN has been greatly enlarged, put in proper form, and new facilities procured for its successful publication, with the special end in view of providing for the people of Vermont just such a paper as they would wish to have at all times, and particularly for the stirring times in the near future. Its record in the past is the best guaranty it can give for the future, as to its course politically and upon those non-political matters which, like agriculture, education, taxation, temperance, and state affairs generally, have to do with morals and good progressive government rather than with partisan politics. Except as time and increasing experience shall enable its conductors to treat these subjects more intelligently and more successfully, no pledge for the future that is not supplied by the past can be given.

The pre-eminence of THE WATCHMAN as a good agricultural paper for the farmers of Vermont has been long conceded. The veteran editor of this department will maintain his connection with the paper, and enlarged space will be given him for the discussion of farm subjects, a change which cannot fail to receive the hearty approbation of the farming community. Especially will THE WATCHMAN be a newspaper. The gathering, editing in an attractive and readable form, and publishing of local news has become a distinguishing feature in its present management. The extension and improvement of this essential function of a state paper will be steadily and systematically sustained and extended. General news, domestic and foreign, will be carefully summarized and edited from week to week. The choice miscellaneous, family, moral and religious selections, which have always been a popular and a distinguishing feature in the make-up of the paper, will not be suffered to deteriorate in quality or in quantity.

For \$2.00 in advance THE WATCHMAN will be sent to new subscribers until January 1, 1885, and Good Cheer one year. Good Cheer is a new monthly paper of sixteen pages, of very interesting literary matter. A sample copy will be sent on application. Those who may receive sample copies of THE WATCHMAN are invited to give it a thorough examination and to send in their subscriptions, if they find it worthy of their patronage. Our increasing subscription list shows that the paper is gaining in the estimation of the public.

For \$5.25, paid in advance, we will send either the Atlantic Monthly, Harper's Magazine, Weekly, or Bazar, and THE WATCHMAN and Good Cheer one year.

For \$5.00, paid in advance, we will send the Century Magazine (formerly Scribner's), THE WATCHMAN and Good Cheer for one year.

### Local Items.

DRUGS at Bascom's!  
PATENT medicines at Bascom's!!  
THE finest cigars at Bascom's!!!  
ELKLAND handkerchief extracts at Bascom's!!!!

BIG trade in "Diamond Dyes" at Bascom's!!!!

TOYS at Webster's.

KID gloves at Webster's.

Go to Webster's for silk handkerchiefs.

CIRCULATING library at H. E. Slayton's.

A FINE assortment of slippers at Griggs', Waterbury.

GENTLEMEN'S slippers, all styles, at Griggs', Waterbury.

PLEASE call at Smilie's and settle your shoe bills this week.

LADIES' and children's slippers at Griggs' store, Waterbury.

SECRET music and music-books of all kinds at Griggs', Waterbury.

FINE colognes and elegant cologne toilets at Keene's, Waterbury.

SOME rare bargains in photograph albums at Phinney's bookstore.

FANCY articles in silver ware for the holidays at Scott's, Waterbury.

PLAIN and decorated toilet sets at W. E. Carpenter's, Waterbury.

A NEW lot of pictures and frames just received at Phinney's bookstore.

THE best stock of watches, chains, charms, rings, etc., at Scott's, Waterbury.

CHILDREN'S sleds, and a full line of toy and fancy goods at Keene's, Waterbury.

To reduce his stock of colored cashmeres, prices have been reduced at Webster's.

In purchasing a sewing-machine, be sure to take into account its durability, simplicity, im-

provements, light-running and fine workmanship. The "New American" has all of these good qualities. E. R. Meader, agent.

A LARGE assortment of hall, library and standard lamps at W. E. Carpenter's, Waterbury.

AL. ATHERTON, successor to F. C. Graves, Waterbury, has everything nice and desirable, in crockery.

SEND to J. C. Criggs, Waterbury, Vt., for your sewing-machine needles. All styles constantly on hand.

CALL for a pair of those fleece-lined rubbers at Griggs', Waterbury. They are just the thing for cold weather.

BUY your wife a sewing-machine for a Christmas present. E. R. Meader is agent for the best machine in the world.

LARGE invoices of new goods, especially adapted to the holiday trade, arriving at W. E. Carpenter's, Waterbury.

WHAT a nice present that tea-set or ice-pitcher would make, now to be seen in the show window at Scott's, Waterbury.

THEY do say that Phinney has the finest stock of Christmas cards ever shown in this market, and the prices are very low.

D. HOPKINS wants his Christmas poultry at Stowe, Saturday, Dec. 15, and at Waterbury, Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 17 and 18.

THE attention of those wishing to receive instruction in elocution is called to the advertisement of Mrs. A. C. Averill in this paper.

J. C. EMERY's reputation for backing up what he says will make his advertisements on the fifth and eighth pages interesting reading.

Do not forget the fair at Bethany chapel, Thursday afternoon and evening, but encourage the ladies by your presence and patronage.

A GREAT variety of silver and plated goods, appropriate for the holidays, at A. G. Stone's. He will engrave them for you free of charge.

THEY are now opening one of the finest lines of holiday goods at Webster's. Don't fail to go and see the display. Prices less than ever before.

BEAUTIFUL fruit plates, fine china cups and saucers, tasteful china tea-sets—all desirable goods for Christmas—at Al. Atherton's, Waterbury.

A. G. STONE says the whole of his large stock of children's toys must go this Christmas, as he has no room to carry them over. Go and see him.

MONOGRAMS, names, initials and all kinds of plain and fancy engraving satisfactorily done at A. G. Stone's. No engraving machines allowed to be used.

CLOCKS, gold and silver watches, chains, charms, rings, sleeve buttons, ladies' ear jewels, bar pins, bracelets and neck chains at Keene's, Waterbury.

CHRISTMAS and New Year's cards, photograph and autograph albums, mirrors, hand-glasses and mustache cups, at Keene's, opposite the bank, Waterbury.

GEORGE G. KELLOGG, who advertises to place loans on western lands, has been all through the section where these lands are located, and knows whereof he speaks.

L. F. GLEASON & Co., make an announcement to our readers this week which is worthy of a careful reading. This firm never promises more than they can fulfill.

EVERY time you use a pocket-knife, purchased of A. G. Stone, you will smile and wonder how it is possible to make a knife hold its edge as these knives do.

ELEGANT china bread and milk sets, pretty toy sets of crockery, at Al. Atherton's, Waterbury. Just the thing for handsome Christmas presents for the children.

CHILDREN'S silver sets in great variety, children's knives and forks, children's gold rings, gold ties, neck chains and everything useful and ornamental for the children, at Keene's, Waterbury.

FOR SALE.—One thousand Macomber's improved hand corn and bean planters. Agents wanted for all unoccupied territory. For particulars apply to O. G. Phelps, agent for the state of Vermont, Milton, Vt.

NOW is the time to get your kid gloves. To reduce stock, seventy-five cent kid gloves will be sold for fifty cents, fifty cent gloves for twenty-five cents, and \$1.50 gloves for \$1. Moquequaire and three-button. These are bargains at Webster's.

TOILET sets (plain and printed), fancy vases, hanging, library and standard lamps, and a full assortment of plain and fancy, common and ornamental crockery for every-day use, for "company" occasions, or for Christmas presents, at Al. Atherton's, Waterbury.

PLEASE DON'T READ.—The best monuments in the world, known as the white bronze monuments, sold by Aaron Bancroft, Montpelier, Vt. I have over five hundred beautiful designs, ranging in price from eight dollars up to thirty thousand dollars, in styles and prices to suit all.

NOW is the time to get presents for the little ones. Don't fail to look at dressed dolls, wax dolls, china dolls, china cups and saucers, mugs, toys in tin and wood, games, vases, cologne sets and majolica ware—cheaper than ever before—at Webster's. Everybody invited to look and ask questions.

THERE was shipped on Tuesday last a carload of crockery, direct from the potteries, comprising white and decorated ware in stone and porcelain china, which will be sold at Carr's auction rooms, to the highest bidder. Look for the decorated dinner, tea, and toilet sets. One china set will be given away.

W. E. CARPENTER, Waterbury, has everything in the way of plain and ornamental crockery and glassware, for every-day and for the holiday trade. Especially attractive and reasonable are his china cups and saucers, china tea-sets, china fruit plates and majolica ware in mugs, cups and saucers, pitchers, etc.

H. E. SLAYTON has, without doubt, the largest stock of albums ever in town, and the prices are below competition. A beautiful leather-bound one for card, cabinets and panels for only \$2.25. Also a full stock of children's books, fancy box papers, games, and pocket cutlery, Christmas cards, etc., at lowest prices. Call and see.

THE best place to buy useful Christmas gifts is at G. W. Wilder's, Montpelier. You will find a well-selected and large stock of books of all kinds, including juvenile books, books of travel and adventure, historical and standard works, illustrated books in fine bindings, bibles, gift books and poems. A fine line of photograph and autograph albums, writing-desks, box papers, diaries, sheet music and music-books, and a full stock of musical merchandise of all kinds. Also the celebrated

Chickering, Knabe, and Fisher pianos and the George Wood organs. Prices very low. Remember the place, head of State street, Montpelier.

A. T. STRAW & Co. have now in stock black walnut, ash, chestnut and painted chamber sets; parlor, dining and common tables; wicker, basket and all kinds of chairs; lounges, mattresses, spring beds, mirrors and all goods in this line, for Christmas presents. Call and see us, and buy something for yourself, wife, son, daughter, or some friend. A. T. Straw & Co., Main street, Waterbury, Vt.

CHARLES KEENE, Waterbury, opposite the bank, has one of the largest and choicest assortments of tasteful and unique articles in silver-ware ever offered for sale in this section. These goods have all been carefully selected by himself, and are warranted to be of the best quality and of the newest and most ornamental designs. Among them are many articles especially suited for holiday gifts—such as elegant napkin rings and vases in silver and gold, individual silver sets (comprising napkin ring, salt and pepper cruet, and butter dish), tooth-pick holders, salt and pepper shakers of beautiful designs, combination call-bell and spoonholders, cased fruit-knives and nut-picks, silver tea-sets, gold-lined butter dishes, cake-baskets, card-receivers, etc., etc.—all Rogers' best ware. Call and examine his stock for full particulars.

CHRISTMAS and New Year's are close at hand and to all those in Hardwick and vicinity who are in want of anything for presents I would say: It will pay them to go miles to visit the well-known store of Ira A. Shattuck, who has reputation for keeping good goods, and at reasonable prices, is beyond question. My store has been selected direct from the Importers Boston and will be sold at low figures. I have the largest and best-selected stock of watches, clocks, jewelry of all kinds, silver and plated spoons, forks, knives, etc., etc. In hollow plated ware I have castors from \$4 to \$8, cake baskets, spoonholders, butter-dishes, etc., etc. A large line of photograph and autograph albums, a fine line of poems and books, large and small Bibles, Christmas cards, etc.; writing desks, work-boxes and baskets, handkerchiefs and fancy boxes, etc. A fine line of French chromos, ladies' and gentlemen's coffee and smoking sets, majolica ware, shopping bags and baskets, and bushels of dolls and toys too numerous to mention. Two hundred chromos to give away to customers. All those who know me know I keep good goods and warrant them as represented. Come and see them. Ira A. Shattuck.

### Current Mention.

THE Montpelier items will be found on the fourth page this week.

REV. J. EDWARD WRIGHT is to preach in the meeting-house at Middlesex Center next Sunday, at 2:30 P. M.

ONE more has been added to the already large number of cheap local papers in this state. The *Sifter* of South Londonderry is that one.

CLIFFER: "General Ripley of Rutland, it is claimed, is booked for lieutenant-governor. In that event, what will become of Jo. Battell?"

THE poles are all set for the telephone line between this village and Northfield, and connection will be made by Saturday or Monday sure.

WE are indebted to J. E. J. Cutting of Indianapolis, Ind., for a copy of the *Journal* of that place, an extract from which appears elsewhere.

A PATENT has been granted to Mr. Joseph Auld, business manager of the Free Press Association, Burlington, for improvements in the tricycle.

REV. H. F. HILL held service at the "upper school-house" in North Fayston on Tuesday last. On the next day one person was baptized and the Lord's Supper administered.

A CHICAGO man is to lecture at St. Johnsbury on this subject: "Satan—Who, What, and Where is He?" The lecturer seems to have considerable hardihood to thus beard the lion in his den.

BURLINGTON is troubled because St. Albans and Montpelier are favored with such a vocalist as Miss Emma Thursby while the Queen City is left out. An enterprising local manager is the secret of the matter.

THE slow-going WATCHMAN got out an extra last Wednesday afternoon containing the president's message, while the enterprising *Argus* followed suit Thursday, we are informed, but we have had no ocular proof of the fact.

GEORGE W. FLAGG of Braintree, and Ira M. Richardson of Littleton, N. H., (formerly of New York city), have signed articles for a wrestling match (mixed style), for \$100 and gate money, in City hall, Burlington, on Christmas eve.

TWO of the ten new engines purchased by the Central Vermont road at the Providence, R. I., works have arrived. They are called the "S. W. Cummings" and the "John L. Mason." They are of the mogul pattern and intended for freight work.

SENATOR EDMUNDS' postal telegraph bill provides for a board to establish four trunk lines; for the appointment of clerks, operators, etc., by the civil service rules, and asks for an appropriation of \$2,000,000. No restrictions are laid upon private corporations.

OUR subscribers should remember that we forward our names for *Good Cheer* about the middle of each month. All those whose names have been received since November 14, will now be forwarded soon for the December number, and others who wish to begin with that issue should pay up this week.

HALL PORT, G. A. E., of Worcester, had a rousing camp-fire Saturday night, it taking the form of a "basket sociable." Gen. Stephen Thomas was present, and gave an extended address. Remarks were also made by Captain H. C. Lull and R. H. Angell. Several members of Brooks post of Montpelier were present.

THE new docket for Caledonia county for the December term shows thirty-seven entries on the law docket and thirteen in chancery. Just ten years ago this term the entries at law were one hundred and sixty-five and in chancery thirty—which shows the business of the court now to be about one-fourth what it was ten years ago.

THE Springfield *Republican* comes out enlarged, printed on improved machinery, edges trimmed and pasted. With its improved facilities, we trust it has also an enlarged capacity for a reasonably fair and correct presentation of Vermont affairs, in regard to which it has been habitually, if not perversely, "all at sea."

THE silly attempt of the *Barre Enterprise*, in which of course it is assisted by the *Argus*,

get better. The following is the list of powers for the December term of Orange county court: Bradford, Barron Hay, W. H. Noyes; Braintree, Clarence M. Bass, John W. William Brookfield, Alpheus G. Hibbard, John Heath; Chelsea, Benson Sanborn, Ernst Young; Corinth, A. D. Dickey, J. N. Hodge Fairlee, Abel Heath, W. H. Kibbee; Newbury, Hale G. Bailey, Leonard W. McAllister; Orange, L. M. Townner, Charles Poole; Randolph, Barton Blaisdell, A. P. Faine; Stratford, Geo. Kendall, C. L. Clarke; Thetford, Westley Sayre, E. N. Heaton; Topsham, J. Philbrick, E. W. Eastman; Tunbridge, Geo. Brown, Geo. Fogg; Washington, A. T. Newma; N. H. Prescott; West Fairlee, P. O. Chapman; P. E. Robinson; Williamstown, J. D. Clogston; D. D. Boyce.

THE friends of the victims of the terrible accident at Lanesville, November 23d, desire the correction of accounts of that accident given by Montpelier papers. They present proof that Elmer Cook was not there; that the two men were on the opposite side of the track from the team and did not see it until it was very near the crossing; that Dewey did not touch the horse; that neither believed he could have been stopped; that neither spoke or made any outcry; that they did not recognize those in the wagon; that the team was going at a rapid pace and that they did not see Mr. McIntosh strike his horse. It is believed that Mr. McIntosh was deceived as to the distance to the crossing on account of the curve and by the appearance of the head-light. The friends and relatives also tender their deep and sincere thanks to the friends and neighbors of the deceased, who in great kindness and sympathy and at much sacrifice, rendered them every assistance in their power in their great affliction, and to the officers of the Central Vermont railroad, for their courtesy and assistance.

AT the annual election of Mt. Zion Commandery, No. 9, Knights Templar, held at their asylum in Northfield, December 6, the following officers were elected and installed for the year ensuing: Sir Frank H. Bascom, eminent commander; Sir Collins Blakely, generalissimo; Sir J. Henry Jackson, captain-general; Sir Rev. H. F. Hill, prelate; Sir William A. Briggs, senior warden; Sir J. W. F. Washburn, junior warden; Sir J. C. Houghton, treasurer; Sir George Atkins, recorder; Sir George E. Beard, standard bearer; Sir J. C. Cady, sword bearer; Sir Thomas L. Wood, warden; Sir H. W. Braley, first captain of guard; Sir D. S. Wheatley, second captain of guard; Sir M. Manning, third captain of guard; Sir Allen McGillera, commissary; Sir Will H. Herrick, commissary; Sir J. A. Erwin, sentinel. The officers were installed by Sir George W. Wing, grand generalissimo of the grand commandery of Vermont, Sir Henry Ferris acting as grand marshal. Sirs A. C. Dewey and George W. Tilden were appointed tellers. The next regular meeting will be held at Montpelier, Thursday, January 3, 1884.

WE find the following in a recent issue of the Indianapolis (Indiana) *Journal*: "Simply putting a law upon the statute book does not seem to be all that is necessary; neither does the most stringent law work salvation of itself. We find in the Montpelier (Vermont) *Watchman* of last week this paragraph: 'Public sentiment is at present more than usually aroused by the amount of drunkenness on our streets on Sunday. People are annoyed by the hilarity and rowdiness which exist upon the most prominent streets, and which are, in a large measure, the direct result of the sale of intoxicating liquors. The drug stores are given the right to sell medicines or put up prescriptions in case of necessity, but it is alleged that liq-